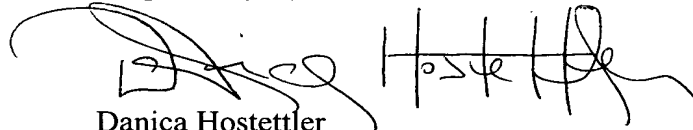


**Remarks**

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application 09/763,153 filed on February 20, 2001. The claims have been modified so that the polypeptide is defined in terms of the peptide sequence. Similarly, the DNA molecule is now defined in terms of the nucleotide sequence. These changes reflect the sequence identification numbers and corresponding sequences provided in the sequence listing. Support for the amendments to the claims can be found in the specification, for example, at page 16, line 17 through page 17. Applicants assert that no new matter has been added by way of the amendments. Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of these amendments and passage of this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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